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SUBJ: STATUS OF THE NATIONAL CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

1. FOLLOWING A DECLINE IN THE RATE OF CONSCRIPTION OVER THE WEEKEND NEW MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO MEET THE DAILY QUOTA OF 250 DRAFTEES AND TO REGISTER ALL DRAFT AGE PERSONS.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FANK A TOTAL OF 125 PERSONS WERE DRAFTED ON OCTOBER 13. THE PHNOM PENH CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS A PROVISIONAL TOTAL OF 54, INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS, ON OCTOBER 14 BUT FIGURE FOR ONE KHAND ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. RESULTS FOR TODAY (OCTOBER 15) SHOW 212 PERSONS INDUCTED, INCLUDING AT LEAST 77 VOLUNTEERS. STATISTICS PROVIDED BY CITY AUTHORITIES INDICATE THAT 142 DRAFTEES AND VOLUNTEERS UNDER CONSCRIPTION HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE FANK RECEPTION CENTER BY OCTOBER 14. THIS CONFLICTS SLIGHTLY WITH A FANK FIGURE OF 160.

3. BECAUSE A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE DRAFTED TO DATE HAVE

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FAILED TO REPORT FOR DUTY FOLLOWING THE TWO-DAY PERIOD

ALLOWED FOR WINDING UP PERSONAL AFFAIRS A NEW ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED REQUIRING THAT CONSCRIPTS BE TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE RECEPTION CENTER FOLLOWING INDUCTION. THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15. IN ADDITION PHNOM PENH GOVERNOR UN TRAMUCH INFORMS US THAT A MESSAGE IS BEING BROADCAST OVER THE NATIONAL RADIO TODAY WARNING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FAILED TO REPORT TO THE EXAMINING BOARDS WHEN CONVOKED OR WHO HAVE FAILED TO REPORT FOR DUTY ONCE DRAFTED TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY. ON OCTOBER 16 THE GENDARMERIE AND NATIONAL POLICE WILL BEGIN ARRESTING THOSE WHO HAVE NOT REPORTED AS ORDERED, HE SAID.

4. A RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT ON SUNDAY REQUESTED ALL PERSONS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 35 WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE DRAFT TO DO SO BEFORE OCTOBER 20. AFTER THAT DATE, THE BROADCAST WARNED, THEY WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER.

5. THE PHNOM PENH GOVERNMENT HAS HELD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS IN ORDER TO IMPRESS THEM WITH THE NECESSITY OF PRODUCING MORE CONSCRIPTS. UN TRAMUCH WAS ALSO SEEN VISITING THE KHANDS THIS MORNING AND URGING THEM TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS. A GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY AND ATTENTION IS NOW BEING DEVOTED TO THE PROBLEM AND, ALTHOUGH MANY LOCAL OFFICIALS REMAIN PESSIMISTIC, A NUMBER OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SHORTCOMINGS ARE BEING ADDRESSED, THUS RAISING HOPES FOR SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE RESULTS.
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